California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force

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From: John Kirlin, Executive Director, MLPA Initiative

Subject: Transmission of the Draft Master Plan Framework Approved

by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force

Date: April 18, 2005

As you are aware, the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force has been engaged in a very public process to develop a draft master plan framework for recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game and ultimately for consideration by the California Fish and Game Commission.

This framework is designed to be the first phase in a multi-phase process to help the State of California develop a Master Plan for guiding the adoption and implementation of a Marine Life Protection Program pursuant to the Marine Life Protection Act.

Two drafts of this document were released for public review and we received a substantial number of comments and suggestions that greatly improved the final product. The Master Plan Science Advisory Team provided guidance regarding the design of networks of marine protected areas, habitats and biogeographical regions. Several of your staff actively participated in developing this document as members of the steering committee for the initiative.

I am pleased to attach the Draft Master Plan Framework approved on April 11 by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force for submission to the department. Please do not hesitate to call on me if you have questions or would like additional assistance as you move through the Fish and Game Commission process.

Enclosures

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